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1. The airfield northwest of Schneidemuehl (Pila) (P 54/R 94) was occupied by Soviet Air Force troops between August 1951 and June 1952. During the period of observation, improvement and extension work was continuously being conducted at the field. Mostly grading work was done. The work probably had started in 1950 and was not yet completed as of June 1952. A total of 400 Polish civilian workers from Schneidemuehl were employed.
2. Air activity conducted at the field included individual and formation flights by 3, 9, 12 or 14 aircraft. Mostly single-engine aircraft with piston engines were observed. When flying in formation, the aircraft usually flew in V formation, maintaining good discipline. Air activity was also conducted during unfavorable weather. Sometimes, the aircraft flew through the clouds. Twin-engine aircraft with piston engines usually made individual flights. Occasionally, night flights were made apparently by twin-engine aircraft. In the spring of 1952, a glider was occasionally towed by a twin-engine aircraft. The towed glider probably was a cargo glider and was smaller than the towing plane. No aerobatics, firing practices at towed sleeve targets or ground targets were observed. Besides the air activity by aircraft from Schneidemuehl airfield, swept-back jet fighters with the Soviet star were observed crossing and making individual flights over Schneidemuehl after the spring of 1952 when the weather was fair. 2

25X1A 1. [] Comment. So far, only a few and incomplete reports have been received on the Schneidemuehl-West airfield which was destroyed during World War II. The present report does not contain detailed information but confirms reconstruction and improvement work at the field.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. No definite information is available on the occupation of the airfield prior to June 1952. During the preceding 10 months, a usually reliable source determined that the field was occupied by elements of a Polish bomber division, probably one regiment, the headquarters of which is stationed in Bydgoszcz (P 54/S 84). So far, no information has been received that Soviet Air Force units are also stationed at Schneidemuehl-West airfield. It is believed that the Soviet jet aircraft mentioned in paragraph 2 are MiG-15s but it cannot be assumed that they are stationed at Schneidemuehl-West.

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